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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

and Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Do you know any news? Send it to the Outcrop as it may interest someone else to bring them into the country.

Mrs. G. A. Starke left last Thursday on an extended pleasure trip to Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver and other coast cities.

Quite a number of char are still being caught in the river. Last Saturday Alford Morrison caught one at Athlone weighing eight pounds.

I. C. Stuckdale and Jas. Johnston have gone up McDonald creek to repair the wire of the Translink railway recently damaged by a slide.

The work of putting in a winter bridge across Columbia river at the Williams landing has been commenced. The bridge at Fairlands is already in use.

The following telegram received from Nelson, Nov. 21: To Lateral Ladies Wilmer. Your telegram of congratulations very much appreciated. W. A. Halliday.

A petition to have the main road along the west side of this valley extended from No. 2 creek to No. 3 creek is being largely signed. It is a much needed public road.

E. L. Snook returned to Wilmer on Saturday with a load of freight from Golden. The roads were very bad and took him ten days to make the round trip with four horses.

It is now but a short while until the B. C. Legislature meets at Victoria again and now is the time for prospective donors to place before the members and public their needs in the way of roads, trails and bridges or other public works.

J. Hurst and L. Miller arrived in Vancouver Monday from their No. 3 creek ranch. Lawrence brought in the first deer of the year shot and was good enough to leave skin piece of it at the Outcrop Palace. Jack has only shot two deer this season and has not even had a scrap with a bear, but he will go hunting shortly.

With the present favorable prospects of a branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway traversing this fertile valley, where by three wealthy districts—East Stoebe, Windermere and Golden—will be united, we predict that this section will not only prosper, but be proved equal to British Columbia, to any other portion of British Columbia, if not superior.

On Wednesday Mrs. G. E. Henderson, wife of the president and manager of the Fair River Mining & Power Co., tried for hand at place mining. Mrs. Henderson secured two pieces of pay dirt from the bed of the stream and washed out \$240 from one and \$185 from the second pan. Mrs. Henderson will keep the gold as a memento of her visit to Southern Kootenay.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Mr. Gomer Jones, book keeper for Beckenridge & Lund, was united in marriage to Miss Harper of Cranbrook Friday morning. The bride and groom were the recipients of many kind congratulations from friends. Miss Harper is a native of Cranbrook. Mrs. Harper is a native of Cranbrook. Mrs. Harper is a native of Cranbrook. Mrs. Harper is a native of Cranbrook.

Call Off the Dogs of War

In reading accounts of the terrible war now raging in Eastern Asia, one cannot but stop to wonder how human beings can endure the hardships or human minds bear the nerve-racking tortures to which the soldiers engaged in this bloody strife are being subjected. Imagination revolts at the picture which it may conjure up, and yet to picture of the imagination can be more than a dream of the reality. Disembodied limbs, rigid bodies, with faces white, and cold as stone, and glassy eyes staring up in the foreign sky; pools of blood; wagons laden with groaning, quivering masses of human flesh; men annihilated by the fall of a shell in the space of a single second—think of it—human beings who, one moment before, were in full possession of health of body and mind, able to till the earth, care for their loved ones, and rejoice in life's sunshine, smothered out at one fell blow to a sickening spatter of blood and mangled limbs! Pen cannot picture the revolting horrors of the siege, where thousands perish and a splendor, festering wounds, perpetual terror, and starvation! And these are the glories of war! This is war, shown of the warfare of trumpets, the blare of flags, and the brave shout of troops marching off to the field of martial music and the cheer of an applauding multitude, while here and there among spectators a few miles down the creek or on a hill, and the heart of a wife or sister is broken.

It seems almost incredible that intelligent human beings can so easily blind themselves by travel and glitter, and it is by no means complimentary to the common sense of the multitude at large that this sense-shining noise is as ready to sweep tomorrow over the lonely grave on the field of battle, or over the shattered remnant of humanity that may come back, blind, maimed, his chances for life ruined and his happiness in living gone forever. Surely it is time that the mind should awaken to a true understanding of this horror music, and that the people of every civilized land should arise en masse to demand that some other way to the settlement of difficulties be arrived at, another than the voluntary, wholesale butchery. When the Hague Tribunal was inaugurated, it was dreamed that a golden era had dawned for Europe; the heart and reason of the world now call for a world's tribunal armed with power that may be more than a name.

For the end of the war what is it? Upon the one side, a page written in history, a few dollars dropped into the coffers of those who never smell the smoke of battle, a cloud of false glory thrown over the name of hero and glory; on the other, the responsibility of moving dead a life, maimed or otherwise, upon them; upon the other side, the progress of two countries arrested for half a century, houses razed, women and children left in penury, and upon a far-off plain, a weary succession of little green hills, "the tests of the camp of green," and a solitary shack which has arisen to mark the spot where these thousands of nameless ones lie, "to lift one here into fame." Can humanity, in these closing years of the twentieth century, hesitate over the question as to whether the prize be worth the terrible cost? It would seem, indeed, high time that the teaching of the Saururus, whose coming augurs heralded with the song, "Peace on earth, good-will to men," should think more deeply into the hearts of those who dare to take his name upon their tongues, to the exclusion of this free list of right, worthy hosts of the naked savage or three hosts of the pallid jungle.

Complete Returns

THE KOOTENAY ELECTION

Below is given the complete returns of election in Kootenay:

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.
Nelson	116	501	167
Field	242	214	56
Vancouver	222	203	75
Cranbrook	201	212	20
Revelstoke	181	301	28
Kaslo	183	184	77
Columbia	164	89	4
Shenando	173	125	158
Fernie	245	128	67
Total	2059	1614	557

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.
Palmer	15	4	8
Field	10	13	4
Rogers' Park	12	8	10
Golden	8	4	4
Wilmer	27	30	3
Albion	17	3	0
Windermere	8	33	1
Spillimacheen	5	5	9
Spillimacheen	8	2	0
Spillimacheen	6	4	0
Spillimacheen	15	4	1
Spillimacheen	2	4	0
Spillimacheen	9	8	0
Spillimacheen	18	23	0
Spillimacheen	2	3	0
Spillimacheen	1	0	0
Spillimacheen	3	4	0
Spillimacheen	200	141	0
Spillimacheen	61	22	3
Spillimacheen	39	21	0
Spillimacheen	3	3	1
Spillimacheen	11	12	3
Spillimacheen	57	14	7
Spillimacheen	12	1	0
Spillimacheen	10	14	0
Spillimacheen	2	2	0
Spillimacheen	5	2	0
Spillimacheen	5	1	0
Spillimacheen	5	1	0
Spillimacheen	161	81	20
Spillimacheen	9	2	0
Spillimacheen	2	11	0
Spillimacheen	9	9	0
Spillimacheen	20	8	0
Spillimacheen	14	5	1
Spillimacheen	15	7	0
Spillimacheen	14	8	0
Spillimacheen	48	11	8
Spillimacheen	69	102	0
Spillimacheen	1	0	0
Spillimacheen	5	5	0
Spillimacheen	5	4	0
Spillimacheen	9	9	0
Spillimacheen	21	5	10
Spillimacheen	6	2	0
Spillimacheen	7	5	1
Spillimacheen	9	1	0
Spillimacheen	10	0	0
Spillimacheen	57	28	18
Spillimacheen	7	3	1
Spillimacheen	1	3	0
Spillimacheen	14	7	0
Spillimacheen	11	2	0
Spillimacheen	21	10	0
Spillimacheen	9	2	0
Spillimacheen	3	3	1
Spillimacheen	150	150	150
Spillimacheen	15	0	0
Spillimacheen	18	10	4
Spillimacheen	17	12	1
Spillimacheen	16	12	1
Spillimacheen	8	10	0
Spillimacheen	9	12	0
Spillimacheen	10	6	0
Spillimacheen	111	92	24
Spillimacheen	7	6	15
Spillimacheen	8	5	1
Spillimacheen	13	7	1
Spillimacheen	22	27	3
Spillimacheen	11	11	32
Spillimacheen	41	11	1
Spillimacheen	20	18	4
Spillimacheen	11	9	7

Steele City	37	32	44
Enterprise Landing	1	1	12
New Denver	33	19	4
Silverton	7	13	12
Rosebery	18	4	8
Three Forks	9	7	7
Sandon	28	23	60
Liberal	2429		
Conservative	1748		
Socialist	578		

YALE-CARIBOO ELECTION

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.
Grand Forks	116	501	167
Greenwood	188	124	136
Spillimacheen	8	7	0
Chapman	263	210	26
Kanapunga	337	316	21
Yale	155	118	6
Carlson	138	114	19
Albion	62	94	3

1890 ELECTION FIGURES

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.
Grand Forks	116	501	167
Greenwood	188	124	136
Spillimacheen	8	7	0
Chapman	263	210	26
Kanapunga	337	316	21
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RICH STIRKES NEAR HOME

C. Estmore Tells of a Year in the Far North

Chas. Estmore, formerly of Wilmer, has returned from Nome, Alaska, to Nelson and to a reporter told of his experiences there which covered two-and-a-half years, and his general impressions of the country.

"The first Nome," said he, "occurred in 1899 and was attracted by a few beach diggers. These were very profitable for a while but as the pay from the mines decreased, prospectors fanned their way into the interior along the many rivers and creeks that flow into the Behring sea, and many placer claims were located and worked. In every case the first returns were excellent but later on, vanishing profits. The last strike was made last April by Charles McIntosh on Little Creek, which flows into Avon creek, the chief tributary of the Skeena river, at whose mouth is the city of Nome. A strike was made in a locality which had been abandoned as worthless. There was rich ground on the northeast side of Avon creek but the payrock comes out just where Little Creek empties and there Mr. McIntosh found ground of a richness unheard of before, even in the Klondike. He took out some dirt that carried \$1500 to the pan. Soon a rush began to his diggings, and he was obliged to turn a pan before working it. Such riches are refused. Then the crowd increased; chains snaked and jimped everywhere, and now the whole ground is a subject of tangled litigation and every square is occupied by armed guards. Work is at a standstill and this condition will probably last through the winter.

"At the time of McIntosh's discovery I was away to the north on Kotzebue sound. The Kugruk river empties there. It is one of the larger streams, navigable by steamers in the season of high water. Gold was found there five years ago but not in paying quantities. Last spring Charles W. Smith, a stationery engineer took a boiler from a wrecked steamer and started to work. He was successful from the start, his returns averaging \$2 to the pan. There are many others in the same district and are all doing well.

"C. W. Smith has taken his ground on a lease or, as it is called there, a lay. He was to get a half interest. The owners have now given him to many others on 100 foot claims on the other half, exacting a royalty of 25 per cent. Even on these terms the lessees are making good profits. Smith was very fortunate in finding lignite coal within a mile of his ground, which enabled him to work his lay at relatively small expense.

"The ground is frozen winter and summer and has to be thawed out before it can be generated. The thawing is a labor with Indian steel rebar, raked through which, steam is forced into the ground. These are used everywhere along the Alaskan coast. With the exception of small deposits of coal, the only fuel in the country is the Arctic willow, a very tough, gnarled wood that burns well. Its spouts when green, can be crushed into a powder which makes excellent kindling wood.

"Seven miles after the Kugruk a strike was reported late in September, but none of the claims in Alaska and I had no definite information. In the winter when the deep snow makes it impossible to get word, coal is imported from Wellington, Vancouver island. At the coast the coal is sold for \$20 a ton; freight into the interior averages \$60 a ton. Freight on other supplies is even higher, although canned goods are as cheap at Nome as at Seattle, and fresh goods only about 50 per cent higher.

Values have to be very high before they will cover expense of supplies, material and wages, and leave any profit for the owner. But many claims are being worked steadily with good results. There are no very old mines as yet, but on Avon creek there is a quartz mine, owned by Mrs. C. T. Lane, on which two 20 stamp mills are in operation, and another is to be installed next spring.

Mr. Estmore intends to return in the spring. He considers it the best of all countries at present for mining engineers. He has his field notes for part of last year's work in a ship wreck on the Siberian coast. He does not consider it a good country for working miners. The season of work is seldom more than 100 days and often less. The wages have been \$5 a day and hard but a cut was made this summer to \$4 a day, and this will probably lead to a general reduction.

"But a man who can dig with a gold pan or \$700," said he, "and take a lay on a claim, has an excellent prospect of earning a good sum in a year. One established on ground the mine may work all winter as the tents used are covered with asbestos, which makes a firm wind house. On the Kugruk are some of the largest dredging operations on the continent, and I think that few more profitable fields of investment are offered to capitalists at present."

Good habits are easy to form, too. If you try brushing your teeth after each meal you will soon feel uncomfortable when you omit it. It will have the same effect as a habit and a disinfectant.

For the fifth time The Outcrop offers a year's subscription free to the first 100 subscribers to the Windermere section of the district to be married in the month of December. Now hurry up before the year wanes. We want to encourage this industry.

A Townsite Man's Prediction

L. H. Moffatt, of Rossland, a director of the Patechong-Townsite Co., is visiting Wilmer for a few days to look into local conditions. Mr. Moffatt predicts a return to more prosperous times in the new year, not only for Wilmer and the valley but for the province generally. The return to power of the Liberal party at Ottawa with an increased majority will enable the Liberal government to do justice to British Columbia in the way of "fair terms." The injustice of the present situation has been clearly shown up in the late campaign, and it is expected that the Liberal party will not be long delayed. After a lengthy period of gloom the condition required to put the low grade mines of the province upon a paying basis has been finally solved and a return to, or the arrival at, the dividend stage may be reasonably expected. Considerable interest is taken in the future of British Columbia, both in Eastern Canada and the United States and capital is waiting for investment in abundance, directly a more prosperous situation is developed. Locally it is satisfactory to note the general feeling of optimism in regard to the advent of the railway, though some pessimists will only believe when "they see the trains coming." The positive statement, however, made by Sir Thomas Shandiness in this regard when in this province will satisfy the majority that railway transportation is in the near future.

Good Things to Learn

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to fall. A fall is as welcome as a suitcase in a sack room. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your life and sorrows. Learn to stop cooking. If you cannot see any good in this world keep the hat to yourself. Learn to attend strictly to your own business. Very important point. Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have carache, headache or rheumatism. Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many loads in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours. The election expense of a candidate for governor in American state make Canadian figures look very modest. The amount certified to by governor-elect Higgins, of New York, is \$2,180,541 while Mr. Wm. L. Dugan, the successful candidate for governor of Massachusetts, admits \$340,000 as the sum he spent in the campaign. These are the largest expenditures within the memory of old politicians.

Are you puzzling your brain over what you shall send home for an Xmas? Send The Outcrop. It will only cost \$2 and they will think kindly of you every week.

The Pinkerton detective agency has issued a circular offering \$125,000 as a reward for the robbers who held up the C.P.R. train at Mission, B.C. The price for train robbers is going up and there is not much fear of the Canadian marks being over-stocked.

Tuberculosis has been discovered by M. Deane, a French physician, to have a selective action upon the auditory nerve. He therefore cautions moderation in the use of the drug, and avoiding it altogether where deafness has already been cured, or where there is a family history of such troubles.

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ART AND HEART

Though critics may howl to art, and I
am its own true lover,
It is not art, but heart which wins the
wide world over.

Though smooth be the heartless prayer,
no ear in heaven will mind it
And the finest prayer falls dead, if there
is no feeling behind it.

Though perfect the player's touch, little
if any he sways us,
Unless we feel his heart throbbing through
the music he plays us.

Though the poet may spend his life in
skillfully rounding a measure,
Unless he writes from a full warm heart,
he gives us little pleasure.

So it is not the speech which tells, but
the impulse which goes with saying,
And it is not the words of the parter,
but the yearning back of praying.

It is not the artist which into your soul
comes stealing,
With pay that is almost pain, but it is
the player's feeling.

And it is not the poet's song, though
sweeter than sweet bells ringing,
Which thrills us through and through,
but the heart which beats under the
rhythmic.

And therefore I say again, thou I am
art's true lover,
That it is not art, but heart, which wins
the wide world over.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

From a Reporter's Diary

Whether the following contribution is
genuine or not, dependent knowledge that:
Monday—Got a job probably because
the story I offered referred to that bar-
ter as a tonorial artist.

Tuesday—Had a narrow escape. In a
moment of abstraction I wrote it "pe-
reman" instead of "blue coated guard-
ian of the peace."

Wednesday—Copy reader made me
say "the ladies." Still think it should
have been "the fighters" or "Helmeted
heroes of the line."

Thursday—Some relic of frontier days
persists in using the term "barkeep" on
this paper. Any sane man knows "bar-
keep" is incorrect and that he "presides
over a thirsty engorgement." But our copy
reader is not sane.

Friday—Wanted to be original today
and wrote "Buster fanned." City editor
saw as he changed it to "made three
hungry readers into the hairy Oregon
atmosphere."

Saturday—Fired today for calling Jef-
fries "the emperor of the ring" instead
of "the monarch of the snared circle."
—Portland Oregonian.

The interior of Australia, much the
larger part of the island continent—is a
vast desert. Describing its peculiarities,
Rev. A. Cross states that the bare red or
brown earth stretches over the plain
for hundreds of miles, without grass,
and with no vegetation except a few
scattered trees almost destitute of foliage.
The birds are voiceless, and the death
like silence is extremely oppressive.
Almost the only animals are a few lizards,
the ugliest being known as the mountain
devil. This singular creature is six or
eight inches long, is covered with horny
spikes, changes color with changing
lights, and has never been known to eat
or drink. When placed in water it ab-
sorbs the liquid like a sponge.

At long intervals comes a fall of rain,
when the desert blossoms into a paradise
of daisies, and water collects in basins in
granite rocks, and in clay basins under
broad shaped rocks, remaining in those
places for months. On these precious
sources of water, gold seekers depend,
perishing when supplies fail.

Don't live for yourself and do not be
afraid of diminishing your happiness by
promoting that of others. She who
labors wholly for the benefit of others
and as it were, forgets herself, is far
happier than the woman who makes
herself the sole object of her affections
and exertions.

Somebody has gone wrong. Shall we
draw our skirts about us in holy horror
and save our sympathy and help for
those who do not need either?

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The other day a well-known counsel,
examining the plaintiff in a breach of
promise case, inquired of her: "Was
the defendant's air when he promised to
marry you perfectly serious or one of
levity and jocularity?"

The complainant replied: "If you
please, sir, it was all rattled with him
running his hands through it."
"You misapprehend my meaning," said
the counsel. "Was the promise made
in utter sincerity?"

"No, sir, it was made in the wash-
house," replied the plaintiff, amid roars
of laughter.

Be very careful how you go into the
Best Society. I know a man who ven-
tured in, once, and sank over his ears.
We got him out, but he was never any
good afterwards. —Elbert Hubbard.

Science is a great thing. I see they
have a method for changing the shape of
a man's nose.

Oh, well, a good warm game of foot
ball could nearly always do that!

When you think your business is not
up to what it should be, push it. Do not
stay at home and growl! Get out and put
your shoulder to the wheel.

Divine service is held every Sunday
evening in St. Peter's Church, Windso-
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